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SUBJECT: FRASER HEARINGS - PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE ON FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE
HEARINGS PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S HEAR-
INGS ON KOREA?

A: WE DO NOT COMMENT ON CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

Q: WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS IN KOREA?

A: THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS ARE
WELL KNOWN. WITH REGARD TO KOREA, I WOULD REFER YOU TO A
STATEMENT MADE BY A SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ON JULY 30,
1974 AT AN EARLIER HEARING HELD BY CONGRESSMAN FRASER.
THE TEXT OF THAT STATEMENT CAN BE FOUND IN THE SPECIAL
REPORT ON "HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA" ISSUED
BY THE DEPARTMENT LAST SEPTEMBER.

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Q: WILL DEPARTMENT WITNESSES TESTIFY AT THESE HEARINGS?

A: THE DEPARTMENT EXPECTS TO BE INVITED TO APPEAR.

FYI: CONGRESSMAN FRASER IS HOLDING A SERIES OF HEARINGS ON KOREA AND THE PHILIPPINES BEGINNING MAY 20. DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARINGS IN LATE JUNE.

2. NO QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE COME UP AT NOON BRIEFING. INGERSOLL

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